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### ***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

## **Iowa Civil Rights Commission to Conduct Survey and Public Forums on Status of Fair Housing in Iowa and to Learn How Best to Address Areas of Concern**

The Iowa Civil Rights Commission is currently working to determine the most pressing obstacles or impediments to fair housing in Iowa and the most effective ways of addressing these challenges. Fair housing means all persons have equal opportunity to be considered for rental units, purchase of property, housing loans, property insurance, or other housing services without regard for race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, national origin, mental disability, physical disability, and familial status (presence of children). The Iowa Civil Rights Commission will be conducting an online survey and holding public forums in several communities around the state that are not entitlement communities receiving CDBG or HOME program funding. The online survey can be accessed via the link on the Iowa Civil Rights Commission's website:

[www.state.ia.us/government/crc](http://www.state.ia.us/government/crc)

This short survey for Iowa residents will be available through August 31, 2009 and should only take about five minutes.

The results of the survey will be tabulated and placed on the Iowa Civil Rights Commission website, along with the full report of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing in Iowa. The Commission has been contracted by the Iowa Department of Economic Development to meet this federal requirement to determine the status of fair housing and to recommend ways to address any identified areas of concern.